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DEC 08 2006****Remarks**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. In response, claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

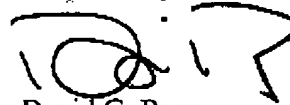
Claim 1 was provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending application 10/744,134. This rejection has also been rendered moot by cancellation of claim 1.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1, including the amendment to claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been amended in such a manner and are therefore now in allowable form. Claims 3 and 5 are also allowable by virtue of their dependency on claims 2 and 4, respectively.

As all outstanding objections and rejections have been addressed, it is now asserted that the present application is in allowable form. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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